



**CONCURRENT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY (CRA)/RANCHO CORDOVA FINANCING CORPORATION (RCFC)**

**City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**

Tuesday, April 09, 2013

**5:30 PM – Special Meeting
American River Community Room North**

AGENDA

1. WORK SESSION - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council Members McGarvey, Sander, Skoglund, Terry and Mayor Budge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At a special meeting, citizens wishing to address the Council for any matter on the agenda may do so at the time the matter is discussed. Note, under the provisions of the California Government Code, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not on the agenda.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

3.1 **Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 42-2013.

Result of Recommended Action: Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment as described in the Scope of Work reviewed and conceptually approved by City Council on March 26, 2013.

Staff Report: Paul Junker, Planning Director.

Advances Goals: 1, 2, and 6

4. SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

- 4.1 **Subject:** City-Sponsored Zoning Code Amendment - Signs.
Recommendation: Consider staff's presentation and identify any issues and concerns related to amending the Zoning Code provisions related to signs.
Result of Recommended Action: This briefing will assist with identifying key issues and updating City Council.
Staff Report: Paul Junker, Planning Director and Jessica Jordan, Senior Planner
Advances Goals: 1 and 6.
- 4.2 **Subject:** Sidewalk Maintenance Policy Discussion.
Recommendation: Consider staffs presentation and provide guidance on policy formation.
Results: Staff will act appropriately given the direction provided by Council.
Staff Report: Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Director and David Gassaway, Management Analyst 1.
Advances Goals: 2 and 5.

5. ADJOURNMENT

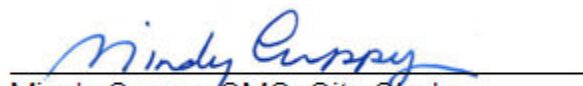
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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

I, Mindy Cuppy, CMC, City Clerk for the City of Rancho Cordova, declare that the foregoing agenda for the Tuesday, April 09, 2013 Special Meeting of the Rancho Cordova City Council/Successor Agency to the CRA/RCFC was posted and available for review on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at City Hall of the City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670. The agenda is also available on the city website at www.cityofranchocordova.org.

Signed Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Rancho Cordova, California.


Mindy Cuppy, CMC, City Clerk

MEMORANDUM



DATE: April 9, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Paul Junker, Planning Director

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE FOLSOM BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 42-2013.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment as described in the Scope of Work reviewed and conceptually approved by City Council on March 26, 2013.

BACKGROUND

Following a work session with City Council on February 26, 2013, staff prepared a scope of work for amending the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan. The scope of work was reviewed by the City Council on March 26, 2013 to ensure it properly addressed the Council's desired amendments.

Financial Impacts

The attached resolution will authorize the City Manager to execute the contract an amount not to exceed \$112,500 for project activities. Additional costs of up to \$54,000 are anticipated related to efforts by City Staff in the departments of Public Works, Planning, and City Attorney.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution No. 42-2013, including **Exhibit A**, Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment Scope of Work

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2013

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE FOLSOM
BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Rancho Cordova ("City") has determined that the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan (FBSP) should be amended; and

WHEREAS, staff provided a draft scope of work for conceptual approval by the City Council on March 26, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA does authorize the City Manager to execute a contract, which shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney and shall be for an amount not to exceed \$112,500 for the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment, as described in **Exhibit A**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova on the ____ day of _____, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Linda Budge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mindy Cuppy, CMC, City Clerk

City of Rancho Cordova
Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan Amendment
Scope of Work, Schedule, and Budget

I. PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

The Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan (FBSP) was originally adopted in 2006 with overall vision, goals, and policies for Folsom Boulevard in June, followed by land use designations in November. This planning effort overlapped with the City's adoption of its first General Plan and included extensive community input and detailed market analysis. The vision for Folsom Boulevard established at that time was to repurpose, revitalize, and transform the corridor into a more vibrant urban place with "pulse points" of activity centered around existing and planned future light rail stops. Development standards for the corridor were adopted in 2008 as an amendment to the original FBSP.

Since the adoption of the FBSP, there have been many successes and many challenges associated with the plan. Challenges for existing property owners resulted in several amendments to the plan (almost annually since 2008) to establish more flexibility for nonconforming uses, to create new urban reserve designations, to allow for exceptions to development standards, and to establish a new building replacement policy.

In setting priorities for the 2013 year, the City Council directed a more comprehensive approach to amending the Specific Plan to better meet the changing needs of the community. On February 26, staff provided some background on the FBSP and asked the City Council a specific set of questions regarding the plan to better direct our work efforts. Here is a summary of what we heard from the majority of City Council members:

- ✓ We don't believe that the current vision for Folsom Boulevard is feasible.
- ✓ We do want to retain 4 of the 5 existing pulse points (excludes Routier/West La Loma).
- ✓ We believe the plan should allow (but not require) residential development.
- ✓ We should retain design standards for the corridor to ensure high quality projects that reach beyond conventional standards.
- ✓ Commercial use restrictions (particularly for specially regulated uses) should be maintained in the plan.
- ✓ Generally, new development should comply with the plan and existing development should have some use limitations.
- ✓ Agree that grant funding qualifications should be a priority when revising the plan.

As a result, staff has prepared this scope of work, schedule, and budget to amend the FBSP over the next nine months.

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II. APPROACH

Our approach to this project involves the six primary tasks outlined below.

1. **Engage Key Stakeholders.** The first order of business is to engage key stakeholders to better understand the issues and concerns with the current plan. This task involves a concentrated series of stakeholder interviews and meetings using fact sheets and targeted questions.
2. **Evaluate the Existing Plan.** With stakeholder input in mind, the next task is to evaluate the FBSP to identify unnecessary information for removal, target antiquated information and ideas for update, consider opportunities to simplify and clarify regulations and processes, and innovate to improve organization and ease of use.
3. **Present Recommended Changes and Vet Key Policies.** Once we've identified recommended changes to the existing plan, we will present those recommendations to the City Council at one or more study sessions and vet key policies prior to documenting any proposed changes. Recommendations may involve changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code as well.
4. **Amend the Plan.** With direction from decision-makers, we will prepare amendments to the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan using track changes and will summarize modifications.
5. **Review and Revise the Plan.** The purpose of this task is to invite review and solicit input on the draft amendments to the FBSP. We will host a community workshop targeting property owners and business owners. We will also facilitate a study session with the City Council to receive input and direction prior to public hearings. Based on the input received, we will prepare revisions to the draft plan for public hearings.
6. **Consider and Adopt the Plan.** This task involves public hearings with the City Council for recommendation and adoption of the revised Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan. This task may involve corresponding changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code.

These tasks are described in more detail in the scope of work with a listing of meetings and deliverables.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work includes the six primary tasks identified in the project approach, along with a listing of subtasks, meetings, and deliverables.

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Task 1: Engage Key Stakeholders. The first order of business is to engage key stakeholders to better understand the issues and concerns with the current plan. This task involves a concentrated series of stakeholder interviews and meetings using fact sheets and targeted questions.	
1.1 Project Website – Prepare materials for project website introducing the project and identifying the process and opportunity to participate. Provide link to property owner survey.	
1.2 Property Owner Survey – Prepare a property owner survey to be mailed by the City to all property owners within the FBSP area providing information about the project and process and soliciting input on a specific set of questions.	
1.3 Host Stakeholder Meetings – Host up to two stakeholder meetings targeting key groups within the FBSP area (e.g., property owners, business owners, neighborhood associations, chamber) to share information about the project and process and to solicit input and feedback about what is working and not working in the current plan.	
1.4 Conduct Stakeholder Interviews – Following stakeholder meetings, conduct 30-minute interviews over a two-day period with key stakeholder groups to better understand specific issues and concerns.	
Meetings: Stakeholder meetings (2) Stakeholder interviews (2 days, 8 hours, 30 minutes each)	Deliverables: Project website materials Property owner survey Project fact sheet Meeting notices, materials, and summaries
Task 2: Evaluate the Existing Plan. With stakeholder input in mind, the next task is to evaluate the FBSP to identify unnecessary information for removal, target antiquated information and ideas for update, consider opportunities to simplify and clarify regulations and processes, and innovate to improve organization and ease of use.	
2.1 City Staff Working Group – Utilize core group of City staff representing departments involved in plan implementation to assist in the evaluation and recommendation for change moving forward.	
2.2 Review Existing Plan – Evaluate the existing plan and identify recommendations for change, including removal or modification to information, and addition of any new information that should be included to address the range of issues and concerns identified since original adoption of the FBSP.	
Meetings: City staff working group (4)	Deliverables: Meeting agendas, materials, and summaries Summary of recommended changes to FBSP
Task 3: Present Recommended Changes and Vet Key Policies. Once we've identified recommended changes to the existing plan, we will present those recommendations to the City Council at one or more study sessions and vet key policies prior to documenting any proposed changes. Recommendations may involve changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code as well.	
3.1 Key Policy Papers – Prepare up to four key policy papers on the most significant issues/changes that require policy direction from decision-makers. Policy papers will briefly identify the issue, provide context, and identify a range of potential solutions/options and any recommendations from staff as appropriate. This task may involve traffic impacts and corresponding analysis if warranted.	
3.2 City Council Study Sessions – Facilitate up to two study sessions with the City Council to present the summary of recommended changes to the FBSP and discuss key policies prior to amending the plan.	
Meetings: Council study sessions (2)	Deliverables: Key policy papers (4)

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	Meeting materials
Task 4: Amend the Plan. With direction from decision-makers, we will prepare amendments to the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan using track changes and will summarize modifications.	
4.1 Prepare Admin Draft FBSP – Using track changes, prepare modifications to the FBSP in keeping with recommendations and policy direction from decision-makers.	
4.2 City Staff Working Group – Meet with City staff working group to discuss the administrative draft changes to the FBSP.	
4.3 Prepare Public Draft FBSP – Incorporate revisions as directed into a public draft amendment to the FBSP.	
4.4 Conduct Environmental Review – Given the scope of the project and directed policy changes, prepare necessary environmental analysis pursuant to CEQA. It is assumed that environmental analysis will be limited to an initial study and negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or addendum to the GP EIR.	
<u>Meetings:</u> City staff working group (2)	<u>Deliverables:</u> Admin draft FBSP amendment Meeting agendas, materials, and summaries Public draft FBSP amendment Environmental review and documentation
Task 5: Review and Revise the Plan. The purpose of this task is to invite review and solicit input on the draft amendments to the FBSP. We will host a community workshop targeting property owners and business owners. We will also facilitate a study session with the City Council to receive input and direction prior to public hearings. Based on the input received, we will prepare revisions to the draft plan for public hearings.	
5.1 Stakeholder Workshop – Host a stakeholder meeting targeting property owners and business owners within the FBSP area to present the public draft FBSP and solicit feedback.	
5.2 City Council Study Session – Facilitate a study session with the City Council to present the public draft FBSP and solicit input and direction.	
5.3 Revise Public Draft FBSP Amendment – Incorporate revisions as directed into a revised public draft FBSP amendment for public hearing and adoption.	
<u>Meetings:</u> Stakeholder workshop (1) City Council study session (1)	<u>Deliverables:</u> Meeting agendas, materials, and summaries Revised public draft FBSP amendment
Task 6: Consider and Adopt the Plan. This task involves public hearings with the City Council for recommendation and adoption of the revised Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan. This task may involve corresponding changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code.	
6.1 City Council Hearings and Adoption – Facilitate up to two hearings/meetings with the City Council to consider and adopt the amendments to the FBSP, along with any corresponding changes to the General Plan and/or Zoning Code.	
6.2 Final FBSP Amendment – Prepare any final revisions to the FBSP to reflect City Council direction and accept track changes.	
<u>Meetings:</u> City Council hearings (up to 2)	<u>Deliverables:</u> Meeting notices and materials Final FBSP amendment

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IV. SCHEDULE

The project schedule outlined below assumes a nine-month process, with commencement of the project in April and completion of the project in December 2013.

Task	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Engage Key Stakeholders									
Evaluate the Existing Plan									
Present Recommended Changes/Vet Key Policies									
Amend the Plan									
Review and Revise the Plan									
Consider and Adopt the Plan									

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V. BUDGET

The table below lists the PMC consultant cost estimate to complete each subtask described in the scope of work. PMC proposes to complete this work effort in nine months for a total cost not to exceed \$96,500. Additional costs for City department participation are estimated to be \$59,000, for a total estimated project cost of \$155,500.

Task Listing	PMC Cost Estimate
Task 1: Engage Key Stakeholders	Task Subtotal \$21,500
1.1 Project Website	\$2,500
1.2 Property Owner Survey	\$3,000
1.3 Host Stakeholder Meetings (2)	\$8,000
1.4 Conduct Stakeholder Interviews (2 days)	\$8,000
Task 2: Evaluate the Existing Plan	Task Subtotal \$14,000
2.1 City Staff Working Group (4)	\$4,000
2.2 Review Existing Plan	\$10,000
Task 3: Present Recommended Changes and Vet Key Policies	Task Subtotal \$12,000
3.1 Key Policy Papers (4)	\$4,000
3.2 City Council Study Sessions (2)	\$8,000
Task 4: Amend the Plan	Task Subtotal \$27,000
4.1 Prepare Admin Draft FBSP	\$20,000
4.2 City Staff Working Group (2)	\$2,000
4.3 Prepare Public Draft FBSP	\$5,000
Task 5: Review and Revise the Plan	Task Subtotal \$12,000
5.1 Stakeholder Workshop (1)	\$4,000
5.2 City Council Study Session (1)	\$4,000
5.3 Revise Public Draft FBSP Amendment	\$4,000
Task 6: Consider and Adopt the Plan	Task Subtotal \$10,000
6.1 City Council Hearings and Adoption (2)	\$8,000
6.2 Final FBSP Amendment	\$2,000
PMC TOTAL	\$96,500
Planning Department (coordination and CEQA review)	\$15,000
Public Works Department (includes up to \$15,000 in traffic analysis)	\$20,000
City Attorney	\$24,000
TOTAL COST (PMC + City Departments)	\$155,500

City-sponsored Zoning Code Amendment – Signs

Rancho Cordova City Council
April 9, 2013
Paul Junker, Planning Director
Jessica Jordan, Planning



Tonight's Agenda

- Overview of comments received from business community and City customers about signage
- Continuation of offsite private business signage discussion
- Staff identified issues with Sign standards
- Scoping of overall Sign code amendments

Why are we here?

- Signs are a fundamental need for businesses serving the public.
 - Establish a balance between the needs of businesses with the visual character of the community.
 - This discussion expands on the previous review of wayfinding signs. Traditional wayfinding will proceed once the City's branding efforts are complete.
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What have learned from interviews with businesses?

- 2012 Business Walks – Generally requested more visibility, more signage, and use of temporary signs without over regulation
 - 15 Business Calls (March 2013) – Of respondents, 7 did not express concerns regarding signage. The remaining 8 businesses provided comments that were very similar in nature to each other and the Business Walk comments.
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What have learned from interviews with businesses?

- Comments received from the business calls can be characterized as follows:
 - Businesses that feel they are lacking visibility and need the ability to place signs along parcel frontages and possibly, within the City's right of way
 - Businesses that desire more flexibility in sign type and duration of use related to temporary signs
 - Businesses seeking the ability to install offsite signage in order to achieve the additional visibility they feel would help them to be successful
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Offsite Private Business Signs

- December 2012 direction
 - Public wayfinding (i.e City Hall, Library) is excluded from discussion at this time. Wayfinding signage will be developed following completion of the branding exercise.
 - Tonight's discussion is focused on offsite signage for private businesses

Offsite Private Business Signs Audience

- Different sign types serve different needs
 - ❑ Draw customers passing through Rancho Cordova (Freeway)
 - ❑ Guide customers within the community (Arterials)
 - ❑ Guide customers to “hidden” businesses (Local)
 - ❑ Guide customers to a temporary destination (New subdivisions)
 - Varied settings and business types require different types of signage
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Offsite Private Business Signs

- Possible Alternatives:
 - ❑ Freeway-oriented Monument Signs and Overlay Zone
 - ❑ Community Monument Signs
 - ❑ Neighborhood Monument Signs
 - ❑ Temporary Destination Signs
- Council may desire to implement one or more than one of these signage options

Freeway-oriented Monument Signs and Overlay Zone

- This sign type would include:
 - ❑ Creation of an overlay zone(s) at certain desired locations along the freeway in which signs would be located
 - ❑ Establish design standards for large (50'+ tall) monument signs
 - ❑ Businesses within the overlay zone are eligible for placement on the monument sign
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Freeway-oriented Monument Signs and Overlay Zone

- This sign type would draw customers passing through the City on the freeway
- Regional examples: Broadstone in Folsom, Laguna Gateway in Elk Grove
- Would this be a sign type to explore for inclusion in the Sign Code Update?

Community Monument Signs

- This sign type would:
 - ❑ Allow offsite monument signs at major intersections throughout the City
 - ❑ Include establishing criteria to determine qualifying intersections at which these signs could be located
 - ❑ Distance criteria between signs of this type
 - ❑ Establish design standards for medium (~15'-25' tall) monument signs

Community Monument Signs

- This sign type would:
 - Establish objective criteria for identifying businesses that are eligible to advertise on these signs (i.e. maximum distance from sign)
 - This sign type would guide customers within the community
 - Would this be a sign type to explore for inclusion in the Sign Code Update?
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Neighborhood Monument Signs

- This sign type would:
 - ❑ Allow offsite monument signs at neighborhood intersections throughout the City
 - ❑ Include establishing criteria to determine qualifying intersections at which these signs could be located
 - ❑ Distance criteria between signs of this type
 - ❑ Establish design standards for small (~10' tall) monument signs
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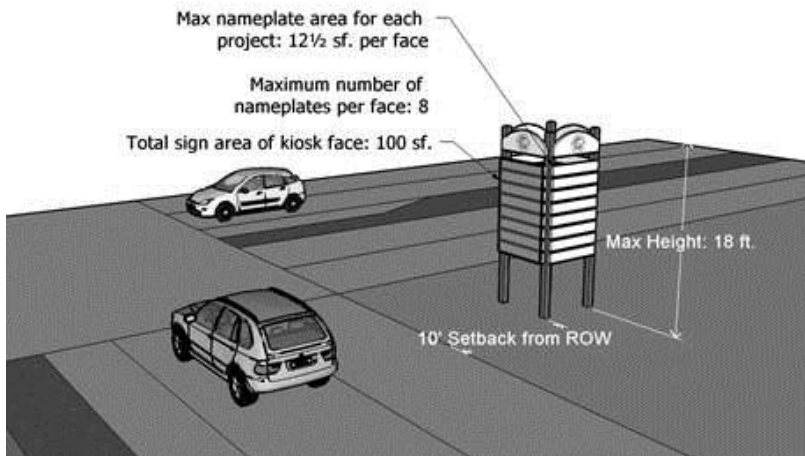
Neighborhood Monument Signs

- This sign type would:
 - Establish objective criteria for identifying businesses that are eligible to advertise on these signs (i.e. maximum distance from sign)
- This sign type would guide customers within the neighborhood
- Would this be a sign type to explore for inclusion in the Sign Code Update?

Temporary Destination Signs

- Temporary Subdivision Kiosk Signage would address visual blight from prevalent subdivision advertising signage during active construction.

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OR THIS:



Temporary Destination Signs

- Current code allows, but does not require, a multi-development kiosk for active residential developments
 - Sign Code could include a cohesive sign program for offsite advertising during active construction period
 - Coordination with the development community on this topic would be imperative
 - Would this be an area to discuss with the development community in the Sign Code Update?
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Further Community Input on Signs

- During the normal course of City business, general requests regarding signage have been received:
 - ❑ Temporary signs should be allowed for longer time periods
 - ❑ TUP fees for signs are too high
 - ❑ Allow A-frames, permanent banners and flags
 - ❑ Need more directional signs for businesses not visible from the street
 - ❑ Allow temporary signs when permit request for permanent signage has been submitted

Staff Identified Sign Standards Issues

■ Building-mounted Signage

- ❑ Total amount allowed (may be too restrictive)
- ❑ Where are signs allowed onsite?
 - Can a business in building 'A' mount signs on building 'B'?
- ❑ Circumstances where we allow more signage or offer exceptions

■ Monument Signage

- ❑ Heights, square footages too small
 - ❑ Location allowances for stores without street frontage
 - ❑ Design standards for monument signs
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Staff Identified Sign Standards Issues

- Temporary Signage
 - ❑ Prohibited sign types are being used frequently
 - ❑ Time allowances are not being adhered to or strictly monitored
 - ❑ Safety issues related to signs in sidewalks
- Review Special Sign Corridor restrictions
 - ❑ Determine if restrictions remain appropriate
- Clean up Definitions and basic permitting information as needed

Additional Council Direction

- Any additional amendments to the Sign Code that Council wishes completed?
- Additional Council direction for completing the Sign Code Update?

Scope of Work for Sign Code Update

- Based on direction received, staff will review the existing standards and identify areas of amendment to improve the Code
- Work with internal staff to develop amended standards
- Review the draft standards with the business community and other stakeholders
- Revise based on community and stakeholder feedback

Scope of Work for Sign Code Update

- Review draft Code with City Council and revise as directed
- Prepare Ordinance for adoption
- Conduct environmental review
- Public Hearing for adoption of amended Sign Code section

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Director
David Gassaway, Management Analyst 1

SUBJECT: SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY DISCUSSION



RECOMMENDATION

None.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff will act appropriately given the direction provided by Council.

BACKGROUND

Shortly after City incorporation, in October of 2003, the Public Works Director brought a policy discussion to the Council regarding sidewalk maintenance. That discussion sought guidance from Council on how the City would respond to sidewalk maintenance needs with limited resources. The guidance from the City Council at that time was to have the City, as best it could with available resources, pay for the cost of maintaining sidewalks citywide for residential property owners. This has been the City's practice since that time.

In May of 2012, staff brought this discussion back to the Council to determine if any change in policy direction was desired. The presentation and discussion regarding the various policy options for sidewalk maintenance were discussed and debated by Council at that meeting. It should be noted that only three current Council members were present at that meeting. The direction from Council was to table the discussion until a later date when all members could be present.

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

The California Streets and Highways code discusses sidewalk maintenance as being the responsibility of the corresponding property owner. The rationale behind this section of the state code is twofold:

1. Property owners have the free right to undertake actions on their property that may impact the quality of sidewalks crossing their properties. Such actions include the planting of trees where roots lift the sidewalk and create hazards, driving heavy machinery over the sidewalk when it was not designed to handle

such weights, or various other actions. In these instances the damage to the sidewalk is caused as a result of the property owner; and

2. Property owners have a better vantage point, than do public agencies, to determine when and if repairs are needed to sidewalks in order to prevent hazards.

Since 2003, the City has been able to apportion approximately \$1.6 million for the maintenance of sidewalks. Sidewalk maintenance includes the removal and replacement of broken, lifted, cracked, or other conditions that make pedestrian access to sidewalks hazardous. The amount of funding has been inadequate to repair or replace the total number of known sidewalk repairs needed, and therefore has caused a continual backlog of known needed repairs.

DISCUSSION

Neighboring jurisdictions throughout the Sacramento region have had the same problem as Rancho Cordova – more sidewalks to repair than resources available to repair them. This has resulted in various responses to ensure that sidewalks are maintained in a safe and equitable manner. The purpose of this work session discussion item is to reintroduce the policy discussion initiated last May, review what surrounding jurisdictions do for sidewalk maintenance, and determine whether or not the City Council has interest in shifting our practice and setting a policy that facilitates quicker response to sidewalk maintenance needs.